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ICE CREAM PRODUCTION  
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Ice cream production in the United States, estimated at 43,490,000 gallons for April, was 5 percent above the April output last year but was 11 percent less than the 5-year, 1945-49, average for the month, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports. The advance between March and April this year was only 5 percent, compared with an 8-percent gain a year ago and an average seasonal rise of 17 percent between March and April in the 1945-49 period. Production during the first four months of 1951 was 4 percent more than in that period last year but was 3 percent less than the 1945-49 average for those months. The percentage of butterfat in ice cream made this April averaged 12.3 or more than the 12.2 percent reported for March and the 12.1 percent average for April last year. Wide ranges of temperature marked April weather, from unusually cool in the first three weeks to unseasonably warm near the end of the month. Average temperatures for the month, however, showed relatively small departures from normal. They were higher than usual in most of the Atlantic States from New England to Georgia, in portions of states adjacent to the Great Lakes and west across North Dakota, in West Texas, Arizona, Utah, Nevada and the Pacific Coast States. In most of the Midwest and South they were below normal.

Production increased from April a year ago in all regions except the West North Central, where a 9-percent decrease was shown. Output was up 7 percent in the North Atlantic, East North Central, and Pacific States. New York gained 7 percent and Pennsylvania's production was up 11 percent. A 1-percent loss in California tempered the heavy gains in Washington and Oregon. The South Atlantic and Mountain States had increases of 5 percent. Production in the South Central States was 4 percent larger than in April last year.

Ice cream production was down from the April 1945-49 average in all regions except the Mountain, where a 1-percent gain was shown. The decreases ranged from 8 percent in the North Atlantic, which was strongly influenced by decreases of 7 and 1 percent, respectively, for New York and Pennsylvania, to 23 percent in the West North Central States. The East North Central, South Atlantic, and South Central Regions all had decreases of 12 percent from the average. A 15-percent decrease in California was more than sufficient to offset gains in the remainder of the Pacific States and that region as a whole had a decrease of 9 percent from the April 1945-49 average.

Advances between March and April occurred in all regions of the country and varied only from 1 percent in the South Atlantic to 6 percent in the North Atlantic, East North Central, and Pacific. Other increases were: West North Central, 2 percent; Mountain, 3 percent; and South Central, 4 percent.

UNITED STATES PRODUCTION OF ICE CREAM BY MONTHS, JAN.-APR. 1951 WITH COMPARISONS

MONTH	1945-49 AVERAGE *	ESTIMATED		PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		1950	1951	SAME MONTH 1945-49 AVERAGE	SAME MONTH, 1950
		<u>Thousand Gallons</u>		<u>Percent</u>	
January .....	31,516	31,485	33,410	+ 6	+ 6
February .....	32,133	32,965	31,825	- 1	- 3
March .....	41,869	38,560	41,590	- 1	+ 8
April .....	48,998	41,510	43,490	- 11	+ 5
FOUR MONTH TOTAL	154,516	144,520	150,315	- 3	+ 4

\*1945-49 averages are from enumerations.

SHERBET PRODUCTION

April sherbet production in the United States was estimated at 1,450,000 gallons. This represents a 26-percent gain from April last year but a 39-percent loss from the average for the month in the 5-year period, 1945-49.

## ESTIMATED PRODUCTION OF ICE CREAM: APRIL 1951 WITH COMPARISONS

STATE AND GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	APR. AVERAGE 1945-49*	ESTIMATED			CHANGE IN APR. 1951 PRODUCTION FROM:		
		APRIL 1950	MAR. 1951 1/	APRIL 1951	APR. AV. 1945-49	APR. 1950	MAR. 1951
		Thousand Gallons			Percent		
Massachusetts .....	1,752	1,460	1,480	1,440	- 18	- 1	- 3
Connecticut .....	583	485	525	515	- 12	+ 6	- 2
New York .....	5,112	4,440	4,220	4,770	- 7	+ 7	+ 13
New Jersey .....	920	730	640	725	- 21	- 1	+ 13
Pennsylvania .....	5,446	4,860	5,350	5,400	- 1	+ 11	+ 1
Other N.A. States..	868	650	600	680	- 22	+ 5	+ 13
NO. ATLANTIC STATES	14,681	12,625	12,815	13,530	- 8	+ 7	+ 6
Ohio .....	2,988	2,440	2,510	2,610	- 13	+ 7	+ 4
Indiana .....	1,456	1,390	1,410	1,595	+ 10	+ 15	+ 13
Illinois .....	3,086	2,385	2,280	2,380	- 23	0	+ 4
Michigan .....	2,137	1,740	1,810	1,905	- 11	+ 9	+ 5
Wisconsin .....	1,263	1,000	1,060	1,100	- 13	+ 10	+ 4
E.N. CENTRAL STATES	10,930	8,955	9,070	9,790	- 12	+ 7	+ 6
Minnesota .....	1,137	935	860	950	- 16	+ 2	+ 10
Iowa .....	1,017	845	725	710	- 30	- 16	- 2
Missouri .....	1,466	1,220	1,160	1,030	- 30	- 16	- 11
N & S Dakota .....	376	335	300	330	- 12	- 1	+ 10
Nebraska .....	531	440	360	435	- 18	- 1	+ 21
Kansas .....	582	545	460	480	- 18	- 12	+ 4
W.N. CENTRAL STATES	5,109	4,320	3,865	3,935	- 23	- 9	+ 2
District of Columbia	624	500	520	520	- 17	+ 4	0
Maryland .....	789	610	630	685	- 13	+ 12	+ 9
Virginia .....	891	700	745	830	- 7	+ 19	+ 11
West Virginia .....	515	425	400	410	- 20	- 4	+ 2
North Carolina ....	1,128	1,140	1,070	1,140	+ 1	0	+ 7
Georgia .....	581	595	560	520	- 10	- 13	- 7
Florida .....	850	560	760	630	- 26	+ 12	- 17
Other S.A. States..	434	335	355	380	- 12	+ 13	+ 7
SO. ATLANTIC STATES	5,812	4,865	5,040	5,115	- 12	+ 5	+ 1
Tennessee .....	1,106	860	855	885	- 20	+ 3	+ 4
Alabama .....	620	510	530	550	- 11	+ 8	+ 4
Louisiana .....	577	560	650	610	+ 6	+ 9	- 6
Oklahoma .....	604	550	475	525	- 13	- 5	+ 11
Texas .....	2,203	1,865	1,870	2,025	- 8	+ 9	+ 8
Other S.C. States..	912	745	715	705	- 23	- 5	- 1
SO. CENTRAL STATES	6,022	5,090	5,095	5,300	- 12	+ 4	+ 4
Colorado .....	415	375	460	410	- 1	+ 9	- 11
Other Mt. States ..	966	955	895	985	+ 2	+ 3	+ 10
MOUNTAIN STATES	1,381	1,330	1,355	1,395	+ 1	+ 5	+ 3
Washington .....	754	565	580	780	+ 3	+ 38	+ 34
Oregon .....	524	530	520	645	+ 23	+ 22	+ 24
California .....	3,785	3,230	3,250	3,200	- 15	- 1	- 2
PACIFIC STATES	5,063	4,325	4,350	4,625	- 9	+ 7	+ 6
UNITED STATES	48,998	41,510	41,590	43,490	- 11	+ 5	+ 5

\*From enumerations. 1/Revised.